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No. 1710

S. P. 672

In Senate, January 17, 1966

The Committee on Agriculture suggested.

EDWIN H. PERT, Secretary

Presented by Senator Hilton of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SIX

**AN ACT Relating to Interstate Conferences and Compacts with
the Maine Milk Commission.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, surplus or unregulated milk crossing state boundaries does not under present circumstances return the full use value to the dairy farmers producing said milk; and

Whereas, it is essential that the Maine Milk Commission be given the authority to exercise its power to regulate and control the purchase and sale of milk engaged in interstate commerce, in compact with other states having similar powers, as a means for maintaining orderly marketing conditions within this State; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 7, § 2953-A, additional. Title 7 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2953-A to read as follows:

§ 2953-A. Interstate conferences and compacts

The commission shall have power to confer and agree with legally constituted similar commissions or authorities of other states, or agencies of the Federal Government, and to adopt necessary regulations to effect a uniformity in regulation and insure an adequate supply of pure and wholesome milk to the inhabitants of this State; also to confer with similar commissions or other authorities of other states or of the United States with respect to uniform milk control of milk produced in this State and handled in interstate commerce and may exercise all the powers hereunder for such purpose as well as, but not limited by, the following powers:

1. **Hearings.** To conduct joint investigations and hearings and to issue joint or concurrent orders or enter into agreements or compacts subject to congressional approval thereof and amendments thereto.
2. **Enforcement.** To employ or designate a joint agent or agencies to enforce such orders or compacts.
3. **Classifications.** To provide for classifications of milk in accordance with the form in which it is used or moved with uniform minimum prices or methods of fixing such prices for each class.
4. **Payments.** To provide for payment to all producers and associations of producers delivering milk to dealers of uniform prices, subject to adjustments with the joint agent for location and butterfat content.
5. **Regulations.** To make such joint regulations by compact or otherwise as may be incidental to the foregoing and not inconsistent thereto and as may be necessary to effectuate the above mentioned powers.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.